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1. Soviet methods have been widely used in Bulgarian industry by the Bulgarian Government. All factories have a so-called "Fatherland Front Committee", composed of Communist workers, who control and direct the activities of all workers. The Committees are responsible for holidays, leave of absence, and individual salaries.
2. The owner of a factory has no right to dismiss a worker or to hire workers of his choice.
3. In cases where there is a measure of agreement between the owner and the Fatherland Front Committee, things go well, but when an owner attempts to manage his factory, the Fatherland Front Committee gives an order for sabotage.
4. Soviet methods of appointing "Heroes of Labor" is widespread. Any Communist worker who is well-disciplined in the "political work" of the factory and who keeps up an average standard of work, may be made a "Hero of Labor" and receive a medal and an increase in salary.
5. A grade below the "Hero of Labor" is "Udarnik", a title accorded to workers who increase their production to ten per cent above the standard average accepted by the Workers' Syndicate. An "Udarnik" has his photograph published in the Bulgarian Communist daily Rabotnichesko Delo and receives a small gift from some prominent Communist either at a public meeting or at a special factory reunion.
6. Another system frequently practiced is the collective "udarno" method, which is a voluntary overtime work system by a whole factory to complete priority Government or Army contracts. Such overtime is performed by all workers and their achievements are advertised and held up as an example to other factories.

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